

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The present invention provides a developing method
for developing a latent image formed on an image
bearing member with developer including toner and
5 carrier contained in a developer containing portion,
comprising the steps of developing a first latent image
for controlling a replenishing amount of the developer
to the developer containing portion by a first
developing electrical field, and developing a second
10 latent image for controlling gradation of an image by a
second developing electrical field, and wherein the
first developing electrical field is different from the
second developing electrical field.